



Revenue Quick Facts

Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation

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Tax Collections for First Quarter of '97

Below are the net unaudited tax collections for the first quarter of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996, and ending June 30, 1997.

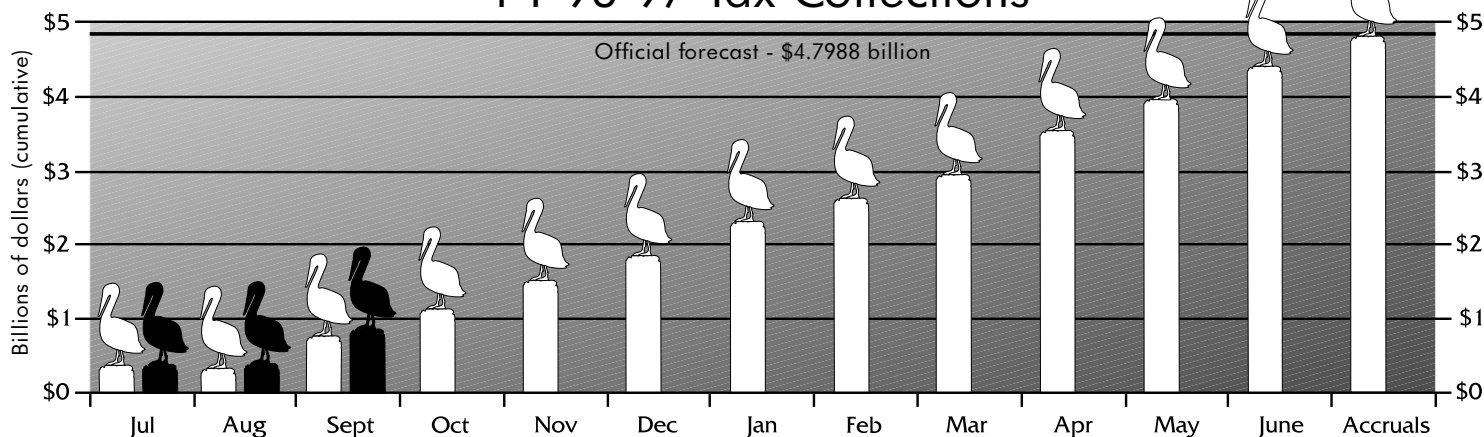
For the period July 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996 (the first quarter), net cash collections increased 14.47 percent over the prior fiscal year.

For most taxes, the percentage of increase or decrease is small and predictable. Significant fluctuations can be caused by large one-time audit settlements, large electronic funds transfers received after the period end, or large amounts of monies transferred to or from our escrow accounts for disputed taxes. Because this is a

comparison of the year-to-date collections, the impact of these items will be diminished as the year progresses.

The comparison of the year-to-date severance tax collections for the first quarter shows a 40 percent increase over the prior year. This increase can be attributed to several factors. The average price for a barrel of oil rose to \$19.85 for this first quarter, a \$3.50 increase over the previous year. We expect this trend to continue as the price has climbed to more than \$24 per barrel for October 1996 as compared to \$17 for October 1995. Severance tax collections should increase further because the tax exemption for stripper oil is not effective when the oil price exceeds \$20 a barrel.

FY 96-97 Tax Collections



	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Accruals
96-97 Cumulative	\$0.35	\$0.36	\$0.85										
95-96 Cumulative	\$0.35	\$0.32	\$0.74	\$1.10	\$1.46	\$1.83	\$2.28	\$2.59	\$2.91	\$3.50	\$3.92	\$4.40	\$4.77

— Notes —

➤ **Accruals** - According to the state's system of accounting, taxes that arise in a particular fiscal year must be recognized (accrued) and reported in that year, even if the taxes are collected in a later fiscal year. Therefore, accruals are taxes that are collected after the fiscal year is over but which must be counted in the prior fiscal year because they arose in that year. Accruals are usually determined and retroactively applied to the prior fiscal year in September.

➤ **Official Forecast** - Act 814 of the 1987 Regular Legislative Session created the Revenue Estimating Conference, whose job is to make an official estimate, or forecast, of anticipated state revenues. The conference is comprised of the governor, the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House, or their representatives, and a state university faculty member with revenue forecasting experience. The conference meets quarterly. By law, state appropriations and expenditures cannot exceed the conference's official forecast of estimated state revenues.

Comparison of Taxes Collected in Fiscal Year 1996-97 with Official Forecast (Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year to Date Collections (7/96 - 9/96)	% FYTD Increase (Decrease) Over last FY	Official Forecast	Remaining Forecasted Collections (10/96-6/97)	Previous Year Collections (10/95-6/96)
Alcoholic Beverage - Liquor/Wine	\$ 2,370,647	(1.74)	\$ 16,400,000	\$ 14,029,353	\$ 13,601,248
Alcoholic Beverage - Beer	6,421,289	(5.30)	39,000,000	32,578,711	30,144,815
Corporation Franchise	19,079,747	78.73	247,600,000	228,520,253	222,840,660
Corporation Income	79,422,780	17.41	289,400,000	209,977,220	259,894,478
Gasoline	111,224,952	65.75	410,000,000	298,775,048	338,159,058
Gift	90,118	(68.18)	4,000,000	3,909,882	3,219,111
Hazardous Waste	804,676	327.01	5,000,000	4,195,324	4,598,348
Individual Income	184,238,053	4.11	1,203,000,000	1,018,761,947	988,212,263
Inheritance	9,537,022	0.79	55,000,000	45,462,978	45,342,061
Inspection Fee - Gasoline	166,875	37.49	900,000	733,125	633,526
Natural Gas Franchise	(796,126)	(211.06)	7,000,000	7,796,126	7,841,164
Public Utilities - Transportation and Communication	(33,507)	(109.38)	4,600,000	4,633,507	6,402,686
Automobile Rental Tax	647,195	(8.94)	3,300,000	2,652,805	3,394,659
Sales Tax - General	324,283,786	4.14	1,965,900,000	1,641,616,214	1,635,864,717
Severance	75,081,923	40.57	345,000,000	269,918,077	295,654,248
Soft Drink	1,641,302	11.10	0	(1,641,302)	6,120,207
Special Fuels	15,343,085	4.02	99,000,000	83,656,915	82,000,601
Supervision/Inspection Fee	704,744	35.18	4,000,000	3,295,256	3,402,590
Tobacco	16,025,373	(3.04)	90,400,000	74,374,627	71,415,657
Unclaimed Property	1,496,383	4,357.38	9,200,000	7,703,617	11,407,306
*Miscellaneous Receipts	12,872	289.28	100,000	87,128	43,522
Total Revenues	\$847,763,189	14.47	\$4,798,800,000	\$3,951,036,811	\$4,030,192,925

Dedications

Aviation Fuel - Transportation Trust Fund	\$ 1,250,001	0.00	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,749,999	\$ 3,750,000
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund	236,373	88.84	1,300,000	1,063,627	1,114,383
**Louisiana Economic Work Force Development Fund	1,395,987	0.00	7,440,000	6,044,013	6,627,912
***Louisiana Recovery District	81,454,657	3.50	0	—	—
Louisiana Tourism Promotion District	2,539,646	8.90	13,280,000	10,740,354	12,144,765
Port of New Orleans	500,000	0.00	500,000	0	0
TIMED Account - Fuels	25,213,606	54.96	101,800,000	76,586,394	84,031,933
Transportation Trust - Fuels	100,854,431	55.36	406,700,000	305,845,569	336,293,946
Total Dedications	\$213,444,701	28.89	\$536,020,000	\$404,029,956	\$443,962,939

Sales Tax on Motor Vehicles Collected by the Department of Public Safety

Vehicle Sales	\$33,482,582	(6.47)	\$251,820,000	\$218,337,418	\$154,471,200
**Louisiana Economic Work Force Development Fund	188,293	(6.00)	960,000	771,707	588,131
***Louisiana Recovery District	15,700,034	(5.68)	0	—	—
Louisiana Tourism Promotion District	341,459	(6.01)	1,720,000	1,378,541	1,569,937
Total Motor Vehicle Public Safety	\$49,712,368	(6.22)	\$254,500,000	\$220,487,666	\$156,629,268

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Remaining Forecasted Collections are the amounts forecasted to be collected in the remainder of the fiscal year. These amounts are computed by deducting the actual tax collections for the year to date from the total amounts forecasted.

Previous Year Collections are the amounts actually collected in the prior fiscal year plus accruals (taxes recognized in that year but collected later).

* Miscellaneous Receipts include nonresident contractor fee, electric cooperative fee, and retail alcoholic beverage.

** Previously Louisiana Economic Development Fund

*** The Recovery District ceased to exist on October 1, 1996.

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